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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.


The Examiner has objected to the drawings alleging that the labeling used is not uniform or clear. Applicants believe that the Examiner's confusion may have resulted from the utilization of numeric subscripts to identify elements. To overcome this confusion, substitution of letter subscripts is proposed in the attached substitute drawings, (changes shown in red). Corresponding amendment of the specification is also provided.

Claims 5, 7, 12, 16-18 and 20-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended each independent claim in the application that includes subject matter from the identified otherwise allowable dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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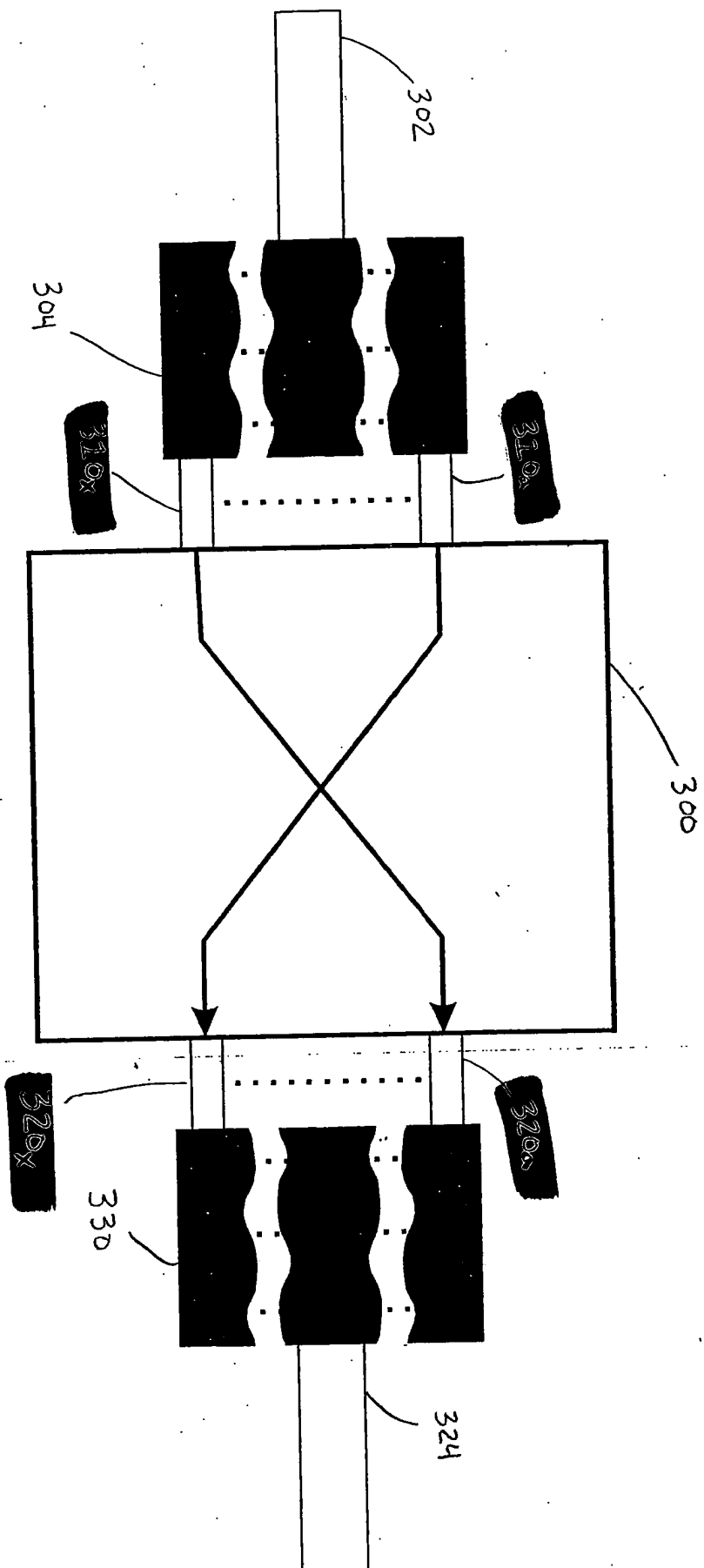
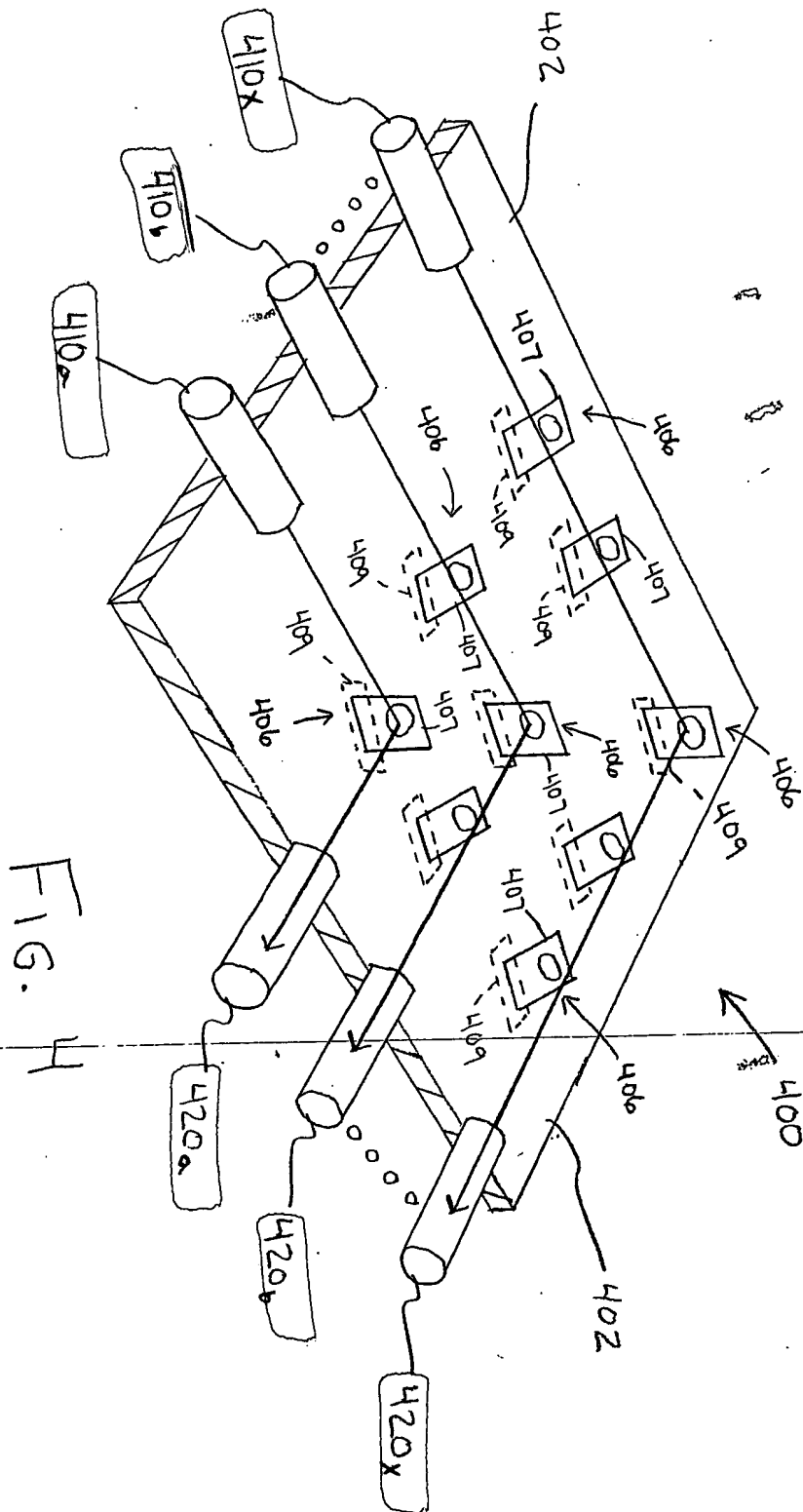


FIG. 3

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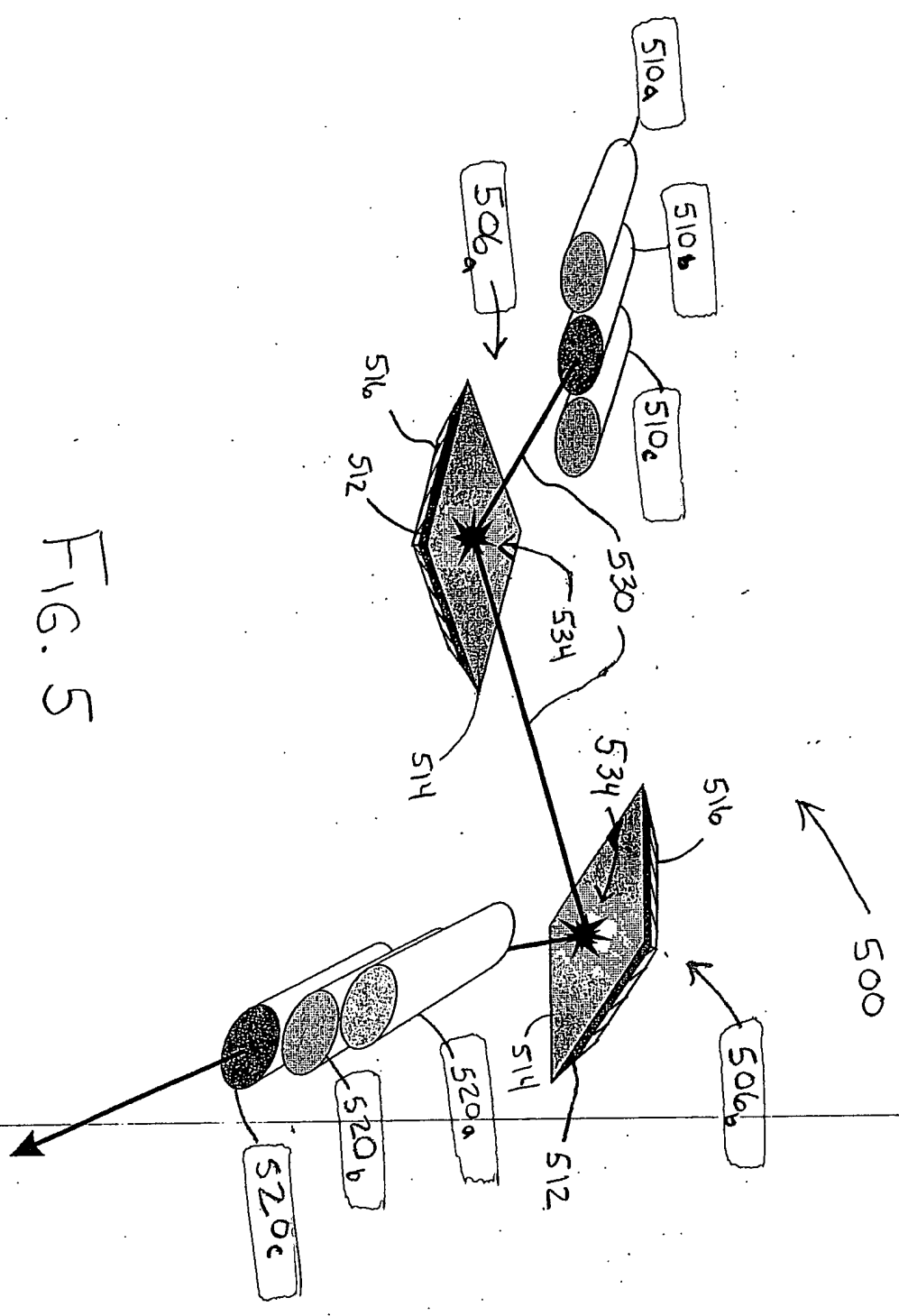


FIG. 5